Setting up of pipeline from Haldia Refinery to Budge-Budge

1293. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration a proposal to set up a pipeline from Haldia Refinery to Budge-Budge for transport of oil products;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) what is the stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project proposal envisages laying of a 55 kms. long pipeline at an estimated cost of around Rs. 30 crores to be completed in about 3 years.

(c) The proposal is at the preliminary stage of consideration.

Petroleum product Pipeline from Kandla to Bhatinda

1294. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration of a proposal for setting up a petroleum product pipeline from Kandla to Bhatinda;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) what is the stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A product pipeline spanning about 1330 kms. is proposed to be laid from Kandla to Bhatinda for transporting petroleum products within an initial capacity of 3 MMTPA in Kandla-Karnal Section and 1.5 MMTPA in Karnal-Bhatinda Section with provision of further expansion. This pipeline is estimated to cost Rs. 686.54 crores with foreign exchange component of Rs. 223.33 crores at March, 1988 price level.

(c) A Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) prepared by IOC has been submitted to the Government for approval.

Decline in the domestic production of crude oil

1295. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of domestic production of crude oil to meet the total requirements of the country, has of late shown trends of decline; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to obviate this trend of slide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Although the production of crude oil during the 7th Plan will be considerably higher than during the 6th Plan, it has decrease as a percentage of total consumption of petroleum products.

Besides efforts towards demand management and the measures for conservation of petroleum products, the following steps *inter alia*, have been taken to increase the production of crude oil:—

— Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

—Intensification of work-over operations.

—Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

Disposal of applications for Industrial licences

1296. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a survey has been conducted by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry with respect to the inordinate delays in the disposal of applications for industrial licences;

(b) if so, what are the major findings and suggestions offered, if any;

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued by Government with respect to time limit for disposal of such applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association has not yet finalised its findings and suggestions for submission to Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The presently prescribed time limits for disposal of various types of applications are given below:—

(i) Applications for industrial licences (IL) from Non-MRTP/Non-FERA Companies—60 days.

(ii) Applications from IL from MRTP|FERA companies—90 days.

(iii) Composite applications for IL, approval of foreign collaboration and import of capital goods—90 days.

(iv) Applications for IL from NRIs—45 days.

Capacity of Maruti Udyog Limited

1297. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the capacity of Maruti Udyog Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Maruti Udyog Limited plans to increase its output to about 1,20,000 vehicles per annum by 1990-91 by adding marginal balancing facilities.

Another extension to Chairman ONGC

1298. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for giving another extension to Col. S. P. Wahi, Chairman, Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) how many extensions he has been given so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Public Enterprises Selection Board selected another candidate for the post of Chairman of ONGC; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) After considering all relevant factors, including the recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board, Govern-